

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 872

By Graves

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Billy Hobbs on being named White House Citizen of the Year for his honorable and astute service as Mayor of White House.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Billy Hobbs is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; he has recently been named White House Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary twenty-six year tenure as Mayor of White House, the City has experienced phenomenal growth and Mr. Hobbs has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Hobbs' remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Hobbs' illustrious term as Mayor of White House, he has worked assiduously to provide numerous services which have enhanced the quality of life in the City; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Hobbs has been responsible for overseeing the progress of many, varied projects, including the development of a modern recreational system for the youth; reduction of the City's fire rating from a level eight to a level five; establishment of a reasonable tax rate; increased codes enforcement; expansion of commercial development; improvement of the City's infrastructure by opening a southern bypass, development of plans to realign College Street with State Route 76W and beginning the construction of additional lanes on 76W; lighting the I-65 interchange; certification of the Police Department and opening a new Department

facility; establishment of a full-time Fire Department; provision of sewage system access to ninety-eight percent of the City; completion of the plans for the new Sportsplex; enlargement of the library; opening of the new youth Soccer Complex; and the commencement of Phase I of the beautiful Greenway system; and

WHEREAS, attributing much of his success to the citizens and aldermen of White House, Mr. Hobbs is most appreciative of their continued support; and

WHEREAS, reaping the benefits of higher education, Mr. Hobbs is a graduate of the Peabody College of Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, before his illustrious career as Mayor, Mr. Hobbs served with acumen and alacrity in the public education system in a variety of capacities, including as a classroom teacher, twenty-six years as Principal of White House High School, and Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many professional endeavors, Mr. Hobbs is an active and important part of the White House Rotary Club and numerous governmental organizations in which he has held many leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Hobbs is a member of Tri-County Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Hobbs is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, the former Jaska Moore, and their three sons; Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs are the proud grandparents of four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, Mayor Hobbs epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Billy Hobbs is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Billy Hobbs on being named White House Citizen of the Year for his honorable and astute service to the good people of White House as their

Mayor, and saluting his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.